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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

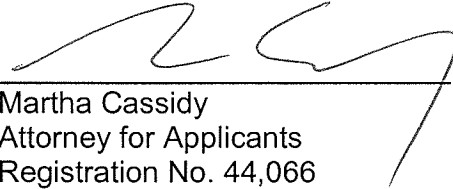
The Office has indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 15, 2009 was not considered because it did not include a copy of the "Marcelo et al." reference. Applicant submits that the first NPL reference in that Disclosure Statement was authored by Marcelo B. Sztein, and that a copy of the reference was included with the submission. The Office records as displayed on PAIR show this reference as part of the record of this case. Applicant therefore requests the Office formally confirm that all information contained in this submission has been considered.

In order to facilitate this, Applicant is submitting this Information Disclosure Statement and a second copy of the Sztein reference for the Examiner's convenience in initialing the reference. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this response.

Applicant now requests consideration of all references cited in the July 15, 2009
Information Disclosure Statement and favorable consideration of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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